

**CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 2, 2025 – 8:30 AM

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Calaycay called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT COUNCILMEMBER: CALAYCAY, MEDINA, REECE, STARK

LATE ARRIVAL COUNCILMEMBER: LEANO (Arrived at 8:45 AM)

ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER: NONE

ALSO PRESENT Adam Pirrie, City Manager; Jamie Earl, Assistant City Manager; Stephanie Talavera, Deputy City Attorney; Jeremy Swan, Director of Community Services; Brad Johnson, Director of Community Development; Jeremy Starkey, Director of Finance; Shelley Desautels, City Clerk; Jamie Costanza, Deputy City Clerk

DISCUSSION WITH SUPERVISOR BARGER

1. Welcome

The City Council and City Manager Pirrie welcomed Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles County Supervisor.

2. Public Comment

Mayor Calaycay invited public comment.

City Clerk Desautels announced eleven written public comments had been received.

Douglas Lyon shared that he is opposed to toll lanes and road diets, and believes that there needs to be help and funding available to get homeless off of the streets and into permanent housing.

Felicia Stromile, Claremont resident, asked the Supervisor to provide an update on the I-10 Freeway soundwall.

Bryan Trunik, Claremont resident, spoke in support of a soundwall along the I-10 Freeway as the sound decibel in his yard is quite high at all times of the day.

Gene Boutilier spoke in support of grant funds for homeless services; however, expressed concern about redirecting resources from LAHSA.

Councilmember Leano arrived at 8:45 AM.

Lissa Petersen, Claremont Wildlands Conservancy, thanked Supervisor Barger for help in obtaining funding to acquire 80 acres in the Claremont hillsides.

Opanyi Nasiali spoke in support of the comments made by Ms. Petersen and expressed concern regarding homelessness in the City and believes there should be more temporary housing available.

Russ Binder, Claremont resident, suggested the use of drones during the annual homeless count as was done in the Antelope Valley.

Darryl McCance spoke in support of Larkin Place being used for seniors and shared that fire prevention and preparedness is key especially when dealing with the senior community.

Rich Gill, LA County United, spoke in support of affordable housing and shared that housing needs to be in the right location to be successful.

Unidentified speaker spoke in support of permanent supportive housing and asked that Larkin Place serve seniors, single mothers, and families with children in the Claremont Unified School District.

There were no other requests to speak.

Mayor Calaycay closed public comment.

3. Discussion with Supervisor Kathryn Barger Related to Items of Interest and Concern Within the City of Claremont

The City Council, Supervisor Barger, and staff discussed emergency preparedness, I-10 HOV express lane project, Measure A funding, Claremont Hills Wilderness Park/county park policy consistency, regional bike lanes, potential funding of Pomona Valley Transportation Authority programs, and the airport land use compatibility plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Calaycay adjourned the special meeting of the Claremont City Council at 10:56 AM. The next regular meeting of the Claremont City Council will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 6:30 PM, in the Claremont Council Chamber.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk